

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PGOV, PO  
SUBJ: RULES GOVERNING CONFIDENCE MOTION

REF: LISBON 9214 (DTG 011225Z DEC 77)

THE RULES GOVERNING A CONFIDENCE MOTION AS SET FORTH  
IN THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RULES  
FOLLOW:

-- GOVERNMENT REQUEST: THE GOVERNMENT MAY REQUEST  
ASSEMBLY APPROVAL OF A CONFIDENCE MOTION ON ANY STATEMENT  
OF GENERAL POLICY OR OTHER MATTER OF NATIONAL INTEREST.  
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THE GOVERNMENT SHALL RESIGN IF A MOTION OF CONFIDENCE IS  
NOT APPROVED (CONSTITUTION ARTICLES 196 AND 198).  
-- DEBATE: IF THE GOVERNMENT REQUESTS, THE  
CONFIDENCE MOTION, DEBATE SHALL BEGIN ON THE THIRD  
PARLIAMENTARY DAY FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF THE  
REQUEST FOR A CONFIDENCE VOTE TO THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT.  
THE DEBATE MAY NOT EXCEED THREE DAYS. THE GOVERNMENT

MAY WITHDRAW THE CONFIDENCE MOTION IN WHOLE OR IN PART  
UP UNTIL THE END OF THE DEBATE (ASSEMBLY RULES ARTICLES  
199 AND 200).

-- THE VOTE: THE CONFIDENCE MOTION MUST BE APPROVED  
BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OR AGAINST.  
ABSTENTIONS DO NOT COUNT (ASSEMBLY RULES ARTICLE 105).  
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